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Subj: Reply to Office Action of 09/24/2004

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Appn. Filed: 03 November 2003

Applicant: Freddie Ray Roberts

Title: ~~Modular Structures and Connector Assembly Apparatus~~

Examiner: Katrina B. Harris

Art Unit: 3747

Att'y Docket: 030403(R) Roberts

*AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE MACHINE  
HAVING IMPROVED POWER, EFFICIENCY AND  
EMISSIONS*

Dear Madam;

In response to the requirement for election of species per office action letter of 09/24/2004 from examiner Katrina B. Harris, enclosure (1), and pursuant to the 22 December 2004 phone conversation between attorney David Douglas Winters and the above examiner, the **applicant hereby elects species I** as identified by examiner..

However, the applicant also offers **traverse of this requirement as it applies to examiner identified species I and species II**. In this traverse, applicant stipulates that examiner identified species I and species II are not patentably distinct. In evidence of this, applicant offers that all claims applicable to either of these species are applicable to the other. Applicant, accordingly, requests that identified species I and species II be examined as variants of a single invention.

**Applicant does not offer traverse with respect to the identified species III** distinction.

**Claims readable on the elected species** are claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26.

Figures applicable to the elected species are, for species I, figures 1 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 13. For species II figures 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 apply.

Please note that enclosure (2) is a copy of the previously submitted petition for (three month) extension of time.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Douglas Winters", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Douglas Winters  
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Encl: (1) Office Action Letter of 09/24/2004

(2) Petition for Extension of Time

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